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FM AMEMBASSY BUCHAREST

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SUBJECT: VISIT OF LIVIU CIULEI

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1. CIULEI IS OF CBYRSE VERY TALENTED, WORLD-CLAE0 DIREIGZR AND EMBASSY WOQDL LIKE TO SEE HIS CONNECTIONS WITH ARENA STAGE MAINTAINED ON REGULAR BASIS. BUT IT SOUNDS TO US FROM REFTEL THAT ARENA HAS LIT FIRE AND NOW WANTS US AND ROMANIANS TO PULL CHESTNUTS OUT.

2. CIULEI TOLD CAO IN JULY THAT HE HAD FIRM COMMITMENT TO DIRECT GORKY PLAY AT ARENA BUT MENTCQNED APRIL/MAY ENGAGEMENT, AND NOTHING AT ALL ABOUT ADVANCE PLANNING TRIP. CIULIU GAVE IMPRESSION WHOLE THINGS WAS STRAIGHTFORWARD COMMERCIAL ARRANGEMENT.

3. BEFORE EMBASSY EXPLORES MATTER FURTHER WITH ROMANIANS AND RAISES HOPES PREMATURELY, WE NEED MORE DETALS ABOUT ARENA'S AGREEMENT WITH CIULBW. HAVE THEY PROMISED TO PAY HIM A FLAT FEE OR SALARY PLUS EXPENSES AND TRANPORTATION? WE WOULD OF COURSE PREFER TO SEE ARENA AND ARIA NEGOTIATE A COMMERCIAL DEUH. ONLY ALTERNATIVE, AS WE SEE IT, IS TO PRPOSE CULTURAL SPECIALIST GRANT (ART III#) TO COQXCIL FMK SOCIALISTHQULTURE AND EDUCATION. IF CSCE AGREES TO NOMINATE HIM, THEY WOIBU PAYNINTERNATIONAL TRANSPORTATION AND WE WOULD UNCLASSIFIED

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FOOT LOCAL EXPENSES FOR UP TO 90 DAYS UNDER TERMS OF

U.S.-ROMANIAN EXCHANGE PROGRAM. BUT WE WOLD NEED
DEPT'S ASSURANCE THAT EXCHANGE PROGRAM FUNDING IS ESSENTIAL
AND THAT COUNCIL AND EMBASSY ARE NOT BEING ASKED TO SUBSIDIZE
ARENA PRODUCTION.
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